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The time has come to preach to you of many things, like shoes, and ships, and sealing wax, and cabbages and kings. There are a number of matters to check up. One for instance is the reincarnation of the Democratic party.

Whenever the Democratic party is abandoned by the rats as a poor risk, it begins to prosper. It is a good old ship that has been sunk a number of times to rid it of that kind of vermin.

It is time for the Democratic party in the nation to try something new. The fitness that it needs is lack of fitness. The party has always prided itself on its platform, which has been an incomprehensible paradox.

Why not try a platform with few words: To do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. That is all the platform that any party needs, and it is more than any party can keep.

The New York elections make Governor Smith a presidential possibility and if he is to be the nominee, there will be no moaning at the bar for me. In the appeal to the people in the 1924 election, Smith was elected governor of the State of New York by an overwhelming majority.

The West Virginia Democrats are remarkably well pleased with the election of H. F. Byrd to be governor of Virginia. In the convention of 1924, when it became apparent that Carter Glass would not be nominated.

Virginia was one of the states that made the nomination of Davis possible, and Byrd was a member of the Virginia delegation, and it was due to him largely that Davis was nominated.

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They are starting a boom for Alf Taylor for governor. He is like Alf Smith, he survived the election of 1924, and is resting easy. This is a poor time to run him for governor for he has no more river to cross in way of the 1926 congressional election.

under the circumstances. As a candidate for governor, he would have to burn the bridges behind him, for that is a desperate struggle.

A veteran was telling a story at the Armistice banquet the other night at the Kiwanis Club. A soldier was talking over the phone to a French lady who invited him to her party.

The soldier pleaded a previous engagement could not be broken, that he had burned his bridges behind him. And the lady said: "That need not matter—you can wear a pair of my husband's."

A lot of us do not want to see Alf Taylor burn his bridges behind him at the suggestion of his friends who are trying to force the season. The missus and I went down to Fayette to spend the end of the week the other day.

So we went to Scarbro and were royally entertained. It was the first night I had spent on the waters of Old Creek for many years. This is an el dorado in West Virginia, and in the old days, the nights were hectic and feverish.

It surely was a revelation to me, who remembered unhappier things, to see the people sitting clothed in their right minds, enjoying an intellectual treat. The great change no doubt has come about so gradual with the people of that vicinity, but it came as a revelation to me.

Dr. S. W. Price is the son of the late Wm. C. Price, of Randolph County. Wm. C. Price's first wife was Nancy McNeel, of Pocahontas County, a sister to the late Col. Paul McNeel.

We saw Alf Taylor, who lives in the nearby county seat. He is plugging away at his job and is unsplugged by the honors that have been heaped upon him after so many years of rough sledding.

We met the minister at Scarbro Rev. Mr. Flint, who was raised on the Gandy Fork of Cheat at the famous Flint homestead. I tried to talk shop to him.

I stopped at Lewisburg on my way back to appear before Commissioner Geraldine Driscoll to argue some law points, and while at Lewisburg, I hunted up some records about the fort there, and I located it. It stood in line of the big spring and the Greenbrier Independent office, where Captain Mathew Arbutckle's home was located soon after.

Lewisburg is not the oldest settlement in Greenbrier. The first settlers kept away from that big spring. Probably because of the rocky hills that surround it. But Gen. Lewis used it as the rendezvous to form his army in 1774, and called it Camp Union.

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balls. There was no occasion to. A pioneer fort was a stockade in which the inhabitants of the community made their summer homes.

There was no such fort as that on the western borders. But there was a standard plan. It consisted of outer walls from eight to twelve feet high, formed by split logs driven or set in the soil.

That fort having furnished a company of sixty-six soldiers to relieve Fort Dornely would indicate a summer encampment of at least five hundred persons. Captain Mathew Arbutckle, who Capt John Stuart says was the first man to make his home where Lewisburg stands, lived on the site of Fort Savannah.

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A list of the forts in this part of the border will indicate the extent that it was settled during the Revolution. In Tygart's Valley there were no less than five forts ready for occupation during the summer of 1781.

The raid coming in April of that year found the settlers in their winter homes on their clearings. Counting on south the next fort was at Clover Lick; Fort Drennil at Marlinton; Fort Eckley; or Beckley, or Day as it has been variously called.

Last week I could not find any record of the location of Fort Friend until since then I see that it was in Tygart's Valley near where the Indian army came into the valley.

There is a tradition that Alexander West, of Wests Fort, on the West Fork was spending the night with Joseph Friend at Friends Fort. They were outside the fort just at dusk the day before the massacre.

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confined to Leading Creek, but a closer study of the somewhat meager records and the tradition of the valley indicates that it was a general raid for ten or fifteen miles up and down the valley.

The last appearance that hostile Indians made in West Virginia was in 1795, when they came down Leading Creek and crossed over to Buckhannon River where they killed several members of John Bozarth's family.

No less than four forts in this section have been Warwick Fort: They are Fort Dinwiddie, the fort at the forks of Deer Creek; the fort at Clover Lick, and the fort at Huttonsville.

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